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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum recommends action in paragraphs 2 and 5.

2. Recommend that you accept the invitation to appear again before the Overseas Writers but that you delay naming a date until a better time. January is a very crowded month at the Overseas Writers as well as at the National Press Club and neither club likes to have conflicting dates. Mikoyan, for example, will appear before the National Press Club on Monday, January 19; Frondizi will appear at the Overseas Writers on January 23; the Pakistani ambassador will appear before the Overseas Writers on January 21; the Yugoslav ambassador will appear before the Overseas Writers on February 2; and Admiral Briscoe will appear on January 27.

3. Folts said any day of the week that is agreeable to you is, of course, acceptable to them but he hopes that if you do agree to appear that it will not be on a Thursday because that is his heavy day at U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT.

4. There is so much anti-Mikoyan steam developing in the press and throughout the country, (which will certainly be reflected in the Congress before long) that this would appear to be a poor time to be questioned by so large a group as comprises the Overseas Writers. The Congress also has'nt organized yet and there could be some misunderstanding or twisting of anything you might say. You will note that Mr. Nixon suffered in the press because his off-the-record luncheon of last Saturday was leaked and the leak has put Mr. Nixon in an embarrassing situation.

5. RECOMMENDATION: That I tell Folts you appreciate the invitation and you plan to appear but that it can't be in January and that when you do find a time you will give Folts at least a week's notice.

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